

eligible Missouri residents with Chronic Kidney Disease. The National Kidney Foundation participates in research that is helping advance knowledge about chronic kidney disease, treatment, and patient outcomes.

The Missouri Kidney Program and the National Kidney Foundation should both be commended for highlighting three major areas of kidney disease: awareness, prevention, and treatment. The Missouri Kidney Program strives to increase public awareness of the need for organ donation and to encourage kidney donations for transplantation. The goal of the National Kidney Foundation is to reach those at risk before kidney disease occurs, and impact those in earliest stages so that progression to later-stage disease is no longer inevitable.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing the dedication of the Missouri Kidney Program and the National Kidney Foundation.

STANDING WITH ISRAEL

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, before a joint session of Congress, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke of the threat of an Iran with nuclear weapons capability.

Prime Minister Netanyahu is absolutely right to be concerned. The world cannot tolerate a nuclear Iranian regime. The Obama administration is signaling it will support temporarily restricting, not eliminating, Iran's potential to produce nuclear weapons, but I believe it is critical that we act to ensure Iran does not obtain nuclear capabilities. Further, any deal reached by the State Department and Iran regarding their nuclear program needs to include Congressional involvement.

As a strong supporter of Israel, I am concerned about the instability and the animosity that exists toward one of our strongest allies. Though there may be widespread ignorance in the international community about the conflict between Israel and those who seek its destruction, the simple truth is that throughout history Israel has made numerous concessions in the pursuit of peace while seeking only the right to exist and defend itself from all threats.

A strong Israel is key to stability and security in the Middle East, and I will continue to stand with our friend and ally.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER GUAM SPEAKER FRANKLIN J.A. QUITUGUA, PH.D.

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend Franklin J.A. Quitugua, Ph.D. Dr. Quitugua was an educator and leader in our community. He served as the head of the Guam Department of Education for many years and was a Guam Senator in the 14th to the 20th Guam Legislatures. Dr. Quitugua passed away on February 26, 2015 at the age of 81.

Franklin was born on November 6, 1933 to Ignacio Perez Quitugua and Rosa Santos Arceo Quitugua. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1952, and went on to attend Northern Arizona University. He graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Upon graduating from college, Franklin returned to Guam and taught at George Washington High School. He then went back to Northern Arizona University where he earned his Master of Arts degree in 1962. Franklin again returned home to serve his island community. He became the principal of George Washington Junior High School then was appointed the administrative assistant to the Director of Education in 1968. Franklin was subsequently promoted to Deputy Director of Education before being appointed the Director of Education in 1969.

As Director of Education, Franklin worked tirelessly to improve Guam's public school system. He implemented training for central office staff, administrators, and school employees while developing core curriculum department-wide. Franklin took a short break as Director of Education from 1972 to 1975 to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. Upon receiving his Ph.D., he returned as Director of Education until running for the Guam Legislature.

In 1976, Dr. Quitugua was elected to the 14th Guam Legislature and he went on to serve seven terms as a Guam Senator. He chaired the Committee on Education and was chosen by his colleagues as the Speaker of the 19th Guam Legislature. I was privileged to serve as a Senator alongside Speaker Quitugua during the 16th, 19th, and 20th Guam Legislatures, and I remember him fondly as being a strong advocate on many issues and a leader who always worked across party lines to build bipartisan support for many legislative initiatives.

Speaker Quitugua not only continued his legacy as a staunch advocate for education during his time as Senator, but for the entire island community. He improved access to education for Guam's students and enhanced facilities and educational resources available on island. He fought for increased funding to sustain a growing student population and promoted alternative educational programs to meet the increased demands on the public school system.

After his last term in the 20th Guam Legislature, Dr. Quitugua returned as Director of Education until he retired in 1993. He served the people of Guam faithfully and humbly for nearly 40 years, and he enjoyed spending his retirement years with his family.

I join the people of Guam in mourning the loss of Speaker Franklin J.A. Quitugua. I had the distinct honor of serving with him in the Legislature, and his passion for our island's issues will be remembered. Franklin was a true public servant who fought for our children and their right to education. I extend my sincere condolences to his children and loved ones on their loss. I commend Speaker Quitugua for his years of service to the island as a public servant and dedicated guardian of education. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. He will be deeply missed.

HONORING DR. LOUIS CHARLES ROUDANEZ

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez, founder and publisher of the first daily African American newspaper in the United States, on the 125th anniversary of his death.

Dr. Roudanez, a free man of color and native Louisianian from St. James Parish, founded the New Orleans Tribune to serve as an outspoken voice for the interests of African Americans during a period of turmoil and uncertainty during the final year of the Civil War and early Reconstruction. The Tribune aggressively advocated for civil rights, black suffrage, desegregated public education, and better wages and working conditions for freed slaves. It operated under the radical philosophy that "freedom without equality before the law and at the ballot box is impossible." Although primarily a lens to conditions in Louisiana, the paper worked towards reforming all of Southern society by sending a copy of each issue to every Member of Congress. It quickly received national recognition, and its editorials were often read here on the floor of Congress.

Though the Tribune ceased publishing in 1870, its spirit of advocacy, justice, fairness and uncompromising purpose was invoked in 1985 by Dr. Dwight and Beverly Stanton McKenna, when they began their newspaper and named it in honor of Dr. Roudanez's Tribune. The modern-day Tribune continues to offer an invaluable voice on issues affecting the Black community in New Orleans and around the country.

To honor Dr. Roudanez, I would like to share part of the Tribune's mission statement, published in July 1864 on the front page of its first issue: "Under the above title we publish a new paper devoted to the principles heretofore defended by the Union. Convinced that a newspaper, under the present circumstances, representing the principles and interest which we propose to defend and advocate was much needed in New Orleans, we shall spare no means at our command to render the Tribune worthy of public confidence and respect." Today we recognize the fulfillment of Dr. Roudanez's mission. In commemoration of his life and achievements, a monument has been dedicated to Dr. Roudanez at the building that housed the Tribune.

CONGRATULATING FRED WHITESIDE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fred Whiteside on his retirement from serving as Augustana College's women's cross country and track coach. Fred is rightfully being honored by Augustana, his alma mater, for his longstanding dedication to the Augustana community.

Fred served a total of 61 seasons as a head coach of Vikings' athletic teams. He has led